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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE BEFORE THE TRADEMARK TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

In re the application of:

Go America, L.L.C. Serial No. 76/278,162 Filed: June 29, 2001

Published July 2, 2002 at TM 854 Mark: GO AMERICA & Design

Int. Class 35

September 26, 2002

#### **NOTICE OF OPPOSITION**

Speedway SuperAmerica LLC, a limited liability company of Delaware, and located at 500 Speedway Drive, Enon, Ohio 45323, believes that it will be damaged by registration of the mark shown in Serial No. 76/278,162, and hereby opposes the same.

- 1. As grounds of opposition, it is alleged that Opposer is the owner of the following U.S. trademark application and registrations:
  - U.S. Registration No. 2,615,552 for Design (four parallel lines) for vehicle service station services and retail convenience store services;
  - U.S. Registration No. 1,528,740 for S & Design for automobile and truck service station services:
  - U.S. Registration No. 1,574,261 for S & Design for gasoline;
  - U.S. Registration No. 1,530,103 for SPEEDWAY & Design for automobile and truck service station services;

- U.S. Registration No. 2,092,359 for GASAMERICA for automotive service station services;
- U.S. Registration No. 2,092,362 for GASAMERICA for fuel and motor oil;
- U.S. Registration No. 1,527,706 for S SPEEDWAY & Design for gasoline;
- U.S. Registration No. 1,329,129 for SUPERAMERICA for gasoline, vehicle service station services and retail convenience store services;
- U.S. Registration No. 1,922,447 for SUPERAMERICA for car wash services;
- U.S. Registration No. 1,972,743 for SUPERAMERICA for pens, pencils, plastic key rings, coffee cups, mugs, and portable coolers;
- U.S. Registration No. 770,570 for SA SUPERAMERICA & Design for antifreeze;
- U.S. Registration No. 770,620 for SA SUPERAMERICA & Design for lubricating oils and greases;
- U.S. Registration No. 1,360,039 for SA & Design for industrial oils, greases and fuels and vehicle service station services;
- U.S. Registration No. 1,360,038 for SUPERAMERICA & Design for industrial oils, greases and fuels and vehicle service station services; and
- U.S. Registration No. 2,013,616 for SA SUPERAMERICA & Design for vehicle service station services and retail convenience store services.
- 1. Speedway SuperAmerica has been and is now using the above marks on the listed goods and in connection with the listed services.
- 2. Speedway SuperAmerica's use of all of the above marks is prior to the first use date and filing date of Applicant's mark.

- 3. Said registered marks of Opposer are valid and subsisting and are prima facie evidence of Opposer's exclusive right to use said mark in commerce on the goods and services specified in said registrations.
- 4. In view of the similarity of the mark of Applicant and the marks of Speedway SuperAmerica, as well as the similarity of the goods and services of the respective parties, it is alleged that Applicant's mark so resembles Opposer's registered marks, as to be likely to cause confusion, or to cause mistake, or to deceive.
- 5. Copies of said registrations are attached. A Notice of Reliance under 2.122(d)(2) will be filed during the testimony period along with a copy of each of the above-identified registrations showing both their current status and current title.
- 6. Opposer has been and is now using the design mark shown in Registration No. 2,615,552 since as early as 1983, in connection with retail convenience store services and vehicle service station services.
- 7. Opposer has been and is now using the mark SUPERAMERICA since January 6, 1960, in connection with vehicle service station services.
- 8. Opposer has been and is now using the mark SUPERAMERICA since January, 1966, in connection with retail convenience store services.

- Said uses have been valid and continuous since said dates of first use and have not been abandoned.
- 10. Said marks of Opposer are symbolic of extensive good will and consumer recognition built up by Opposer through substantial amounts of time and effort in advertising and promotion. In view of the similarity of the respective marks and the related nature of the goods and services of the respective parties, it is alleged that Applicant's mark so resembles Opposer's marks previously used in the United States, and not abandoned, as to be likely to cause confusion, or to cause mistake, or to deceive.
- 11. In addition, Opposer offers retail services through its website at www.speedway.com at its ESTORE page, SPEEDWAY.COM.

WHEREFORE, Opposer prays that said application Serial No. 76/278,162 be rejected, that no registration be issued thereon to Applicant, and that this opposition be sustained in favor of Opposer.

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Respectfully submitted,

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# CURRENT APPLICANT(S)/OWNER(S)

1. Speedway SuperAmerica LLC

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Speedway SuperAmerica LLC 500 Speedway Drive Enon, OH 453231056 United States

State or Country Where Organized: Delaware

Legal Entity Type: Other

#### **GOODS AND/OR SERVICES**

Vehicle service station services International Class: 037 First Use Date: 19831001

First Use in Commerce Date: 19831001

Basis: 1(a)

Retail convenience store services

International Class: 042 First Use Date: 19831001

First Use in Commerce Date: 19831001

Basis: 1(a)

#### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Description of Mark: The mark consists of four red parallel lines.

#### PROSECUTION HISTORY

2002-09-03 - Registered - Principal Register

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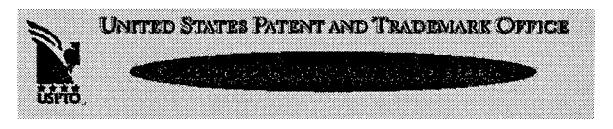
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Description of

Mark

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Type of Mark SERVICE MARK
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